

# REMEMBER

ROBERT E. MAY, Navy, May 8, 1942.  
R. H. McCOMMONS, Merchant Mar., July 5, 1942

JAMES W. WHITBY, Navy, Oct. 26, 1942.  
JOSEPH S. CRADDOCK, Navy, Nov., 1942.  
WILLIAM H. CAMP, JR., Navy, Nov., 1942.



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# THREE KILLED OR MISSING

## ELECTION AT ROANOKE NO. 2 IS APPROVED

### National Labor Board Puts OK On Results As Union Lost 738-167

Roanoke Mills Company was advised this week by the National Labor Relations Board that the Board had upheld and approved the election held on Sept. 1 at Roanoke Mills Co. No. 2 and the results of that election were certified by the Board.

According to the Labor Relations Board's figures, the certified vote was as follows:

Total valid votes counted 905.

Votes cast For the United Textile Workers of America (AF of L) Local No. 2230 — 167

Votes cast Against the United Textile Workers of America (AF of L) Local No. 2230 — 738

Final ruling by the National Labor Relations Board was that "it finds and determines that United Textile Workers of America (AF of L) Local No. 2230 has NOT been designated and selected by a majority of the employees in the agreed unit as the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees within the unit."

## S. T. THORNE DIES HERE WEDNESDAY

Samuel Thomas Thorne, 77 year old farmer and merchant of Airlie, died at noon Wednesday, at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, following an illness of two weeks. He was the father of William Alfred Thorne Vice-President and cashier of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Co.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at Airlie this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Thorne for many years was a member of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners and was identified actively with many community and county projects. He was a member of the board of stewards of the Bethel Methodist Church.

He was the son of the late William Henry and Martha Alston Thorne. He married Miss Agnes Patterson Thorne, who died several years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Fletcher Gregory of Halifax, William Alfred Thorne of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Gordon Craver of Durham, Mrs. John S. McRea, Jr., of Greensboro, Robert Patterson Thorne of Littleton, and Sam T. Thorne, Jr., Winston-Salem; the following sisters and brothers: William H. Thorne, Mrs. Garland Alston, Pattie Thorne, and Dora Thorne, all of Airlie; and several grandchildren.

## NEW MINISTER



REV. LESTER A. TILLEY

new pastor of the First Methodist Church. (See Story on Page 8—Sec. A for complete details.)

## Looks For Brother



H. C. ROBBINS

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robbins of this city. A former employee of Roanoke No. 1 Mill, he was drafted August 30th, and made staff sergeant 24 days later. When he left home he told his parents he was going to look for his brother, Sgt. D. L. Robbins, last heard from in March at Corregidor when it surrendered.

## STORES CLOSED THANKSGIVING

Although a 100% canvass was not made among all merchants of the city, it is generally understood that local stores will observe next Thursday as Thanksgiving Day, and all places of business in the city will be closed for the day.

Our fighting men are doing their share. Here at home the least we can do is put 10% of our income in War Bonds for our share in America.

## WM. HENRY CAMP JR. IS KILLED IN ACTION DURING JAP BATTLE IN PACIFIC

William Henry Camp, Jr., 22, has been reported killed in action, according to official news received Tuesday night by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Camp, Sr., of Gaston.

He was a Chief Petty Officer on an aircraft carrier and was killed in action in the Pacific somewhere in the Solomons area. William volunteered in the Navy about three years ago.

He married Miss Charlotte Byrd

of California there six months ago. She has never visited here. Oldest brother, Gordon Camp, is in the army at Camp Bliss, Texas. Three younger brothers, Graham, Thomas and Otis, live with their parents at Gaston. He has one sister, Mrs. Marie Woodruff of Gaston.

William graduated from Gaston High School where he was a star athlete and one of the most popular boys ever to attend there.

## JOSEPH S. CRADDOCK, USN, REPORTED MISSING AFTER ACTION; PATTERSON WORKER

Joseph Sylvester Craddock, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, is missing following action in the performance of his duty. The news was received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Craddock, 126 Hamilton St.

A telegram was received from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, stating young Craddock was missing and further news would be sent as soon as received. The parents were asked not to reveal his ship or station.

They last heard from him in October, a letter which had been mailed in August at Capetown, South

Africa. He told them they might hear from him for a couple of months but not to worry as he loved the Navy and could take care of himself.

His last visit to Roanoke Rapids was in July and he shipped out soon after. Joe was 20 years old, attended Roanoke Rapids High School and then went to work in the twister room at Patterson Mills Co. He enlisted in the Navy last March and was trained with a gunner squad.

His parents are employed in the Spinning room at Roanoke Mills Co. No. 1. He has one sister, Mrs. Florence Barker, Baltimore.

## JAMES WM. WHITBY KILLED IN ACTION IN PACIFIC AS BURNING SHIP FIGHTS

James William Whitby, 22, First Class Seaman, U. S. S. Destroyer Smith, died October 26 from injuries received in action off Santa Cruz Island in the Solomons.

Whitby was the nephew of B. G. (Buck) Whitby, 418 Madison St., and lived with his uncle here several years while working for Roanoke Mills Co. He left here three years ago and enlisted in the Navy.

Young Whitby was visiting his relatives in Roanoke Rapids on Dec. 7 when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. He returned to his ship at once and has seen action in the South Pacific for the past eleven months.

He was the only child of his widowed mother, Mrs. G. V. Whitby who now lives in Richmond, Va.

An Associated Press report from Pearl Harbor by Norman Bell tells the following about the bit-

ter engagement in which Whitby met death:

A fighting story of how the United States destroyer Smith carried out its assigned mission through an inferno of flames and exploding ammunition came from the South Pacific today.

"I cannot say enough in praise of our type of sailors," declared Lieutenant - Commander Hunter Wood, Jr., skipper of the sturdy destroyer that survived a direct hit by a blazing Jap torpedo plane while protecting a task force aircraft carrier the morning of October 26 off Santa Cruz Island in the Solomons.

Commander Wood said the destroyer had taken part in fighting off one wave of Jap torpedo planes and was battling a second wave when the Jap torpedo plane, apparently set aflame by gunfire, crashed like a blazing meteor down. (Continued on Page 8—Sec. A)

## LOCAL BOYS IN U. S. NAVY JAP VICTIMS

Recent naval engagements in the South Pacific took a toll of at least three local boys with the news received this week by their nearest of kin reporting them killed in action or missing. They are James William Whitby, 22, Seaman First Class, killed in action in the Solomons Oct. 26 on U. S. S. destroyer Smith.

William Henry Camp Jr., 22, Chief Petty Officer on a aircraft carrier, killed in action in the South Pacific, date not yet known.

Joseph Sylvester Craddock, 20, Seaman Second Class, missing following action in unknown waters.

Another Roanoke Rapids man, Homer H. Berry, Pharmacists Mate, escaped death on Gaudalcanal after he and five Marines fought Japs five days and nights after becoming separated from the main force.

(Details of all these will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Herald).

## AUXILIARY POLICE TO STAGE SHOW

Members of the city Auxiliary Police will stage an Indoor Festival Saturday afternoon and night, November 28th, at the Roanoke Rapids Armory, according to plans being perfected this week.

Proceeds from the venture will go to providing uniforms and equipment for the local members, numbering some 48 men at this time.

The "Festival" will be promoted and staged locally, thus all of the profits will go to the local organization. It will include such entertainment features as round and square dancing, bingo, fortune tellers, kiddy games, side shows and ball games. Also available will be concessions familiar to such festivals, which in this instance will include barbecue, Brunswick stew, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Various other entertainment features are being worked out at this time, more of which will doubtless be announced next week. The auxiliary police members are determined to stage a big show for the benefit performance, and assure prospective patrons there will be "attractions for every member of the family, regardless of age, size or desires." A general admission charge of 10c will be made.

Wm. Alfred Thorne is commander of the Auxiliary Police in Roanoke Rapids, and the Festival is being worked out under his supervision with the aid of the following committee members: Charles Ogletree, J. H. Hines, Albert Gaskin, Chester Chase and Hugh P. Atkinson.